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## U. S. SEEKS ALLIANCE TO GUARD SEA LANES ---WAR DRAWS NEAR

**May Join With Great Britain and France to Protect  
Atlantic Shipping—Rush Preparedness Measures  
—State of War Now Exists—President  
May Speak Today.**

Washington, March 20. — Pres. Wilson is expected to outline real status of relations between United States and Germany within 24 hours as his next immediate step in preparing people and country for possible—even probable—hostilities.

A state of war now exists between United States and Imperial German government, it is taken for granted. There are few who believe president will fail to acknowledge this in his first utterance.

Complete proof of Germany's bold affronts on high seas is now before

this government — an imposing array of war acts against the United States. Toll in two weeks amounts to four American ships and more than score of American lives sacrificed through utter disregard of the rights of this country.

From all over country telegrams today continued to pour into White House demanding war. Pacifists, for first time since break in diplomatic relations, are conspicuously silent or are admitting that end of patience has been reached.

Washington, March 20. — United